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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 CORUS REALTY HOLDINGS, INC.,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 ZILLOW GROUP, INC.; ZILLOW,
14 INC.; and TRULIA, LLC,

15 Defendants.

16 Case No. 2:18-cv-00847-JLR

17 **DECLARATION OF CHARLES A.
18 PANNELL IN SUPPORT OF CORUS
19 REALTY HOLDINGS, INC.'S
20 OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS'
21 MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND
22 COSTS**

23 I, Charles A. Pannell, hereby declare I am a counsel at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton,
24 LLP, counsel for Plaintiff Corus Realty Holdings, Inc. ("Corus" or "Plaintiff") in this action. I
25 make this declaration of my own personal knowledge unless otherwise indicated.

26 1. On December 7, 2018, Corus served infringement contentions, copies of which
27 were filed on the docket of this litigation at Dkt. No. 59-4. In those contentions, Corus asserted
28 the Defendants infringed all limitations of independent claims 1, 14, and 30. For the claim
limitations concerning storage of property information in a database on the mobile device, Corus
identified that the accused products downloaded residential property information from
Defendants' network to a mobile phone for the properties within a geographic area selected by
the user. *See, e.g.*, Dkt. No. 59-4 at 56 (Claim 30). The products were further accused of "storing
the database of information on the user's device for use by the application as the user browses to
different properties," Dkt. No. 59-4 at 56 (Claim 30), and Corus provided an image showing the

1 property information displayed to the user as they browsed properties. As the contentions further
 2 detail, the products will access that property information when users select map icons, *Id.* at 20,
 3 40-41, 60, and additional information is continually downloaded “to supplement the property
 4 information initially obtained for the area of interest.” *Id.* at 56. The individual contentions for
 5 each database limitation can be seen below.

6 **Accused Elements, Structure, and Acts of the**
Zillow Real Estate Application¹

7 The property information is stored by Defendants on network servers for
 8 access by mobile applications and website visitors. When an area of
 9 interest is selected by a user, the application is designed and configured
 10 to download property information for that area (including location,
 11 market price, and market status) from Defendants’ remote network
 12 servers. The application will store a database relating to the property
 13 information on the user’s mobile phone for use by the application as the
 14 user browses to different properties. As a user selects properties of
 15 interest, the application will continue to download additional information
 16 on the property to supplement the property information initially obtained
 17 for the area of interest.



21 CORUS0003637; *see also* CORUS0003619.

22 Claim 1, Dkt. No. 59-4 at 17.

The mobile devices with the Zillow mobile application installed have memory that stores information on residential properties it obtains from the Defendants' network. The Zillow mobile application has code to initiate the storage of property information in device memory for display to users in an area of interest. The property information stored by the application includes MLS data on location, market price, and market status. *See e.g.*, <https://zillow.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/213394668-Where-does-Zillow-get-its-listings->

Claim 14, Dkt. No. 59-4 at 38.

Accused Elements, Structure, and Acts of the
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The Zillow mobile application contains a code section structure that causes the device to download residential property information from Defendants' network servers when a geographical area is selected. The code section is programmed to cause the device to store the database of information on the user's device for use by the application as the user browses to different properties. As a user selects properties of interest, the code is programmed to cause the continual downloading of additional information on the property to supplement the property information initially obtained for the area of interest.



CORUS0003637; *see also* CORUS0003619.

Claim 30, Dkt. No. 59-4 at 56.

2. Corus took discovery of Defendants and deposed its technical witnesses that described the process for downloading information to the accused products and how the system searched and retrieved the information from memory when a user selected an icon. For example,

1 Zillow explained that the data was downloaded to RAM where it could be searched and retrieved
2 when a user selected an icon as they reviewed properties. Dkt. No. 80.1 at 159:7-160:3, 208:9-
3 210:2 (Yamanaka Depo.)

4 3. Dr. Martin described the same process in his report demonstrating from his
5 analysis that

6 When the area of interest is identified, whether it is due to an assessment of the
7 device's location or because the user has otherwise specified it, the app contacts a
8 remote server over the Internet using a URL and requests property information
corresponding to that area.

9 Dkt. No. 60, Ex. 6 ¶4. He opined from his analysis observations of how the system worked that.

10 The initial information returned from the remote server includes, for the
11 properties in an area of interest, information on residential properties that show
12 market status (e.g., for sale), the property location, and a market price for each
property in the area.

13 *Id.* at ¶47. As Dr. Martin explained the property information used by the system when a user
interacts and browses the icons was stored on the RAM.

14 The property information obtained from the Zillow servers is physically stored in
15 the RAM of the mobile device using the Zillow app. The Zillow app searches for
16 and retrieves this property information from memory as shown throughout the
17 videos, by displaying property icons at specific map locations and displaying
property card information appropriate to the user interaction.

18 *Id.* at ¶53. When a user selects the icon, the property information is displayed in a
19 property card, and a user can obtain additional information by selecting that card.

20 Basic property information for each property shown in a selected area is
21 downloaded to the device and can be seen on the icon itself through numbers and
22 colors and can also be displayed to the user in property cards whenever a user
23 selects the property icon on the map or displays list view. When a user taps the
property card, additional details about the property are downloaded and displayed
to the user.

24 *Id.* at ¶49.

25 4. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a copy of excerpts of the deposition testimony of
26 Michael Gorman, dated August 2, 2019.

5. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a copy of excerpts of the Summary Judgment Hearing Transcript dated February 14, 2020.

6. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a copy of excerpts of the deposition testimony of Michelle Otter, dated July 29, 2019.

7. Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of an email dated February 15, 2019 from Dario Machleidt, counsel for Corus, to Perkins Coie, counsel of record for Defendants that drops Plaintiff's assertion of Claim 19.

I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed this 4th day of May, 2020, at Atlanta, Georgia.

s/ Charles A. Pannell
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